

Personal
 Treasury Department,
 BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 3rd, 1886.

My dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to give me the dimensions of the Vault under the Piazza also of the other vaults in the basement not burglar proof. If it will not cost too much I think there may be a chance to have one of these vaults made burglar proof and as the garment has to be cut according to ~~the~~ the cloth it is necessary to know the size of the man" I would like to have the dimensions of all in basement

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 very material advance in the
 price of silver of which no indica-
 tions are visible it is perfectly safe
 to estimate that your Mint will be
 required to coin within the next 12
 months not less than twenty million
 silver dollars. So it is necessary we
 should look ahead for vault room.
 My idea would be if money can
 be found to make either of the vaults
 in the basement burglar proof to
 have your immediately transfer the
 silver dollars in ~~it~~ to the Post Office
 vault. so that work could be commenced
 without delay. and by the time your PO
 vault were full that at the Mint would
 be ready. I do not know that this
 can be done but I am making
 some quiet explorations for money
 out of which the work could be
 paid for and if successful you

be communicated with officially
by the Directors. I have said nothing
as yet to him of the matter for the
reason that I did not wish to trouble
him until certain of success.
I have no other object in view
than to make provision for an
emergency that is sure to arise
in the near future.

Very Truly

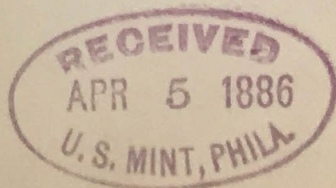
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Very Truly,
R.E. Preston